



—Photo by Bill Husbands
Head of Diocese Consecrates Catholic Church

Archbishop Dedicates New Church; 350 at Banquet in Auditorium

In the presence of a large crowd of parishioners and friends of the church, Archbishop John J. Cantwell of the Diocese of Los Angeles, conducted impressive rites here Sunday to dedicate the new Catholic Church of the Nativity at Mannel and Engracia avenues. Following the church ceremonies, a banquet was held at the Civic Auditorium in honor of the Archbishop. Some 40 monsignors, visiting priests and representatives of local civic groups attended and about 300 others were served.

Drunk Driver Speeds Away After Accident

There was an accident. There were unmistakable signs that a car turned over. But the machine and its occupants were "gone with the wind," local police reported after being called to investigate an auto mishap on Torrance boulevard near Beech street late Sunday afternoon.

Home Building Takes Lead in Construction

As fiscal 1939-40 neared its half-way point, building was taking a spurt here with residential construction leading. While the total in new building was far behind last year's record-breaking figure, home-construction is well ahead of 1937-38's mark.

F. H. A. Extended to July 1, 1941

Of interest to owners of existing residential properties, as well as brokers who have them for sale is the recent amendment to the National Housing Act calling for the extension of the Federal Housing Administration's authority for the insurance of loans on existing properties, according to Mayor W. H. Tolson, chairman of the Torrance Better Housing Committee.

Double Theft Irks Resident

"If they come back again, I'll be waiting for them," C. M. Cooper of 1632 West 218th street told local police in reporting two different thefts of parts of his car last Thursday and Saturday nights. On the first night he lost a tire, tube and wheel. On the second his auto battery was stolen.

Rotarians to Hear L. A. Astronomer

Members of the Torrance Rotary club will go star gazing tonight—at least figuratively speaking. Dr. Dinsmore Alter, astronomer in charge at the Griffith Park Observatory and Planetarium will be the speaker of the evening, and those who have heard Dr. Alter predict a most interesting talk.

Schools Ending Term Tomorrow

Wild Dog Pack Being Killed Off in P. V.

Deputy sheriffs working in the Palos Verdes district have destroyed six and captured another of the pack of wild dogs which has been harrying and killing livestock in that area, County Foremaster C. O. Harvey reported this week.

Harvey wrote a letter of appreciation to Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz, particularly commending the crew on the 1 to 3 a. m. shift in the Palos Verdes area.

Only three members of the pack, including the large and savage leader remain at large, Harvey said, and he is optimistic that the deputies will kill or capture them within a short time.

FIRE RAZES SELF-HELP COLONY

Two hours after a stove exploded in one of the dwellings composing the settlement, "Hooverville" was nothing but smoldering ashes Sunday at 290th and Figueroa streets. The blaze injured one young woman, destroyed seven small dwellings, a church and commissary and damaged a parsonage at the former self-help colony.

Mrs. Jessie M. Swift, 26, of 509 West 220th street, was treated at Torrance Memorial hospital for burns on hands and face, suffered when she rushed into her home and rescued her little daughter, Catherine, local police reported. Mrs. Swift told officers that she was hanging clothes on a line at the rear of the home when the explosion occurred and the fire broke out.

Altho the settlement is outside of Torrance city limits, the local fire department responded after several calls were received for assistance. There were no water connections in the vicinity so the department concentrated its efforts on saving a new house under construction near the scene of the fire.

Estimate \$4,000 Loss
Alarms were sent to the Los Angeles city fire department and the county forestry service but only a battalion chief responded in his own car, according to local firemen and police.

"Hooverville" was started in 1931 and at one time during the late depression it was estimated that about 350 people found living quarters there. Dwellings destroyed Sunday were on West 220th street. A portion of the roof on the parsonage at 443 West 220th was damaged.

Total property loss was estimated at about \$3,000 and personal property loss was fixed at \$1,000. All buildings were owned by Robert J. Hughes of Los Angeles.

COUNCIL MEETS JUNE 27
A regular meeting of the city council will be held next Tuesday night at 7:45 p. m.

5 LEAVE FRIDAY FOR BOYS' STATE CAMP

Following a dinner at the Legion clubhouse where the Torrance delegates and their fathers were guests of Bert S. Crossland Post, the five boys who will attend Boys' State at Sacramento, June 24 to July 1, went to Compton Tuesday night to meet the other young men from this district who are going to the state capital.

They heard explanatory talks about Boys' State from various Legion officials and greeted the other boys who will represent the 19th Legion district at Sacramento. Those going from here Friday night are: Dean Barkdull, 16, of 1521 Beech, captain of the Sons of Legion, sent by the local Legion post; Marvin Lee, 16, 1222 Arlington, Legion and Auxiliary; James Dowell, 16, Kivani club; George Peckham, Jr., 16, 1518 Post, Rotary club, and Van Ness Barnard, 16, 2553 Sonoma, Co-ordinating Council.

At Sacramento, the boys will camp on the state fair grounds and put in a week's intensive study of state, county and municipal government. Boys' State

ALL CLASSES WILL CLOSE FRIDAY NOON FOR SUMMER

Beginning tomorrow noon, the hundreds of boys and girls who have been attending Torrance and Lomita schools will forget all about such things as books, classes, grades, period bells and teachers while they enjoy an 80-day summer vacation. The 1939-40 term will begin on the morning of Sept. 11.

Narbonne high school and all grade schools have signaled the end of the current term with traditional programs. The Torrance high school commencement ceremonies will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the assembly hall.

The final school day will begin tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock in all grade schools and report cards are to be issued shortly before 12:20 when the youngsters will be dismissed for vacation.

Graduation Program
Opening with a prelude musical number and the class professional, the local high school term-end ceremonies will honor 78 seniors tonight. Rev. Harry G. Banks is to give the invocation and the Lord's Prayer will be sung by the combined choirs. Members of the Senior choir will sing the school Alma Mater song, Frances Borchert will present the

Bus Survey Starts Here Soon; Similar Canvass in Gardena

Whether or not residents of this city, Lomita and Welteria would patronize a municipal bus line to connect with L. A. Street Railway buses in sufficient numbers to defray the expense of operation will be definitely known in a few weeks, according to Mayor William H. Tolson, who has asked Councilman Tom McGuire to direct the transportation survey.

"I don't think we'll attempt a house-to-house survey but we will sample all blocks in the city, Lomita and Welteria to get a cross-section of opinion on the bus plan," Tolson said today.

"The city council has appropriated \$100 for the investigation which will determine if Torrance people and those living in Welteria desire transportation to connect with Los Angeles railway terminals and thus provide low cost transit between the cities and communities."

Gardena Making Survey
A similar survey is now being made by the Gardena city council, under the direction of Councilman Earl Jacobs. There a house-to-house canvass is being made by two Gardena women. Because of limited funds available in Gardena, only one call can be made at a house, Jacobs said this week.

However, those interested who are not contacted may fill out one of the questionnaires at the building department office in the Gardena city hall.

Twelve questions pertaining to bus transportation are being asked in the neighboring city. Mayor Tolson said that the Torrance-Walteria-Lomita canvass will be based on similar queries.

Includes Shoestring
The Gardena survey is also including as much of the Los Angeles shoestring strip as funds

Spare the Rod - - I'm in Uniform!

While nearly 600 boys from all corners of California prepare for the third annual Boys' State at Sacramento, where they will practice practical Democracy by setting up their own State government and electing their own officials, over in Germany youth hears a strange decree pronounced by its Fuehrer.

The Nazi order forbids parents or teachers to spank members of the Hitler Youth or Hitler Maids organizations while the youngsters are in uniform! Herr Hitler, it seems, isn't allergic to the howls of a caned culprit, but he feels the application of the rod to the seat of the venerated uniform is degrading to it. Here is unconscious humor at its richest—and pictures of little Hans springing to don his uniform before Papa can make it to the strap, suggest themselves.

Yet behind the ridiculous is symbolized the grim, humorless, goose-step ideology of Nazism—in graphic contrast with the ideology of a Democracy that calls its boys together to discipline and govern themselves, and to operate the machinery of self-rule. In Herr Hitler's eyes, the uniform, as a symbol of iron dominance of the citizen by the State, is sacred in itself, and must be intruded—so comically and yet so ominously—into the family circle at the German fireside. In America, boys are taught to respect their country's uniform, but as a symbol of cooperation, loyalty, honor and liberty, not as a fetish in khaki cloth to be blindly worshipped.

are paying the expenses of the local boys, estimated at about \$35 per boy. On their return (July 2), each boy will make a report to the group sending him to Sacramento. The sponsoring organizations

Garbo Builds Mansion in Palos Verdes

In a few months when she says: "Ay tantay go home," Greta Garbo will mean Palos Verdes Estates.

After 13 years of glamorizing in the movies, the famed actress is building the first home of her own in the pastoral environment of the back reaches of the Palos Verdes hills.

Exact location of the Garbo mansion is being kept a secret by command of the Swedish film star.

Heretofore, she has leased various residences, usually with high fences around them and located in secluded parts of Hollywood, Beverly Hills and environs.

Adjacent to the newly-developed inland section of Palos Verdes where Miss Garbo has decided to build there are large meadows and hay fields.

ELSON SAYS COLLEGE IS ARRANGED

"Everything is ready for the opening of Torrance Community College next fall with the beginning of the 1939-40 term," Principal Thomas H. Elson said today at the high school. "We are looking forward with great interest to launching this junior college project in Torrance and all indications point to immediate start of the classes when school opens on Sept. 11."

Advance registrations are being taken at the high school. These started flowing in last Thursday during the annual Alumni homecoming celebration. Elson said the complete program of studies has been approved by the Los Angeles board of education and the many arrangements necessary in adding community college facilities to the high school plant have all been worked out.

"Shortly before the opening of the fall term we will announce further information about the Community College," he said. "We are also ready to send this information to anyone writing to the high school."

The principal, who will head the college division, indicated that he expected about 200 to enter the first vocational classes of the advanced educational plant.

Propose 10-Cent Fare
Gardena has its proposed bus route pretty well determined. Locally little has been done along this line, those interested preferring to see how the questionnaire survey comes out before proceeding with plans for routing the buses to connect with Gardena's projected system and thence into Los Angeles.

The Gardena route as proposed in the questionnaire now being circulated is from the south Gardena city limits on Western avenue, adjoining Torrance, north to Compton boulevard, east to Normandie, south to Gardena boulevard, east to Vermont avenue, north to Rosecrans, east to Figueroa, north to Manchester avenue, and return by the same route.

Walterians Stage 'Ferdinand' Skit

A novel original version of the "Saga of Ferdinand the Bull" was staged for the recent regular Walteria Entertainment Guild program by an all-woman cast as the feature on a program which also presented Billy Stonacker, pianist; Bonny Miller, acrobat, and Joyce Martinez in songs and dances.

In the cast for the skit were Lyla Hansen, Florence Hagberg, Zelma Wagner, Eva Kelly, Luella Lassen, Thelma Andrews, Elsie Minor, Betty Sullivan, Shirley Dean Crowther, Winona Minor, Mattie Carter and Dessie Crowther.

Lumber Strike Stops Shipments

Local lumber yards have not experienced any effects other than total stoppage of new stock from the current strike that has tied up shipments from the harbor. It is understood that the Torrance Lumber company has supplies on hand to last "about 30 days."

Officials of the Consolidated Lumber company said today they had no statement to make concerning their supplies. Union officials declare 3,000 men have responded to the strike call against Los Angeles county lumber yards and that 126 yards were being picketed.

Staff Promotions at Columbia Steel Plant Confirmed

Confirmation was given today of unofficial reports, current the past month, that United States Steel Corporation had purchased the Boyle Manufacturing company in Los Angeles; and that the deal occasioned several important changes in Columbia Steel company's executive staff in Torrance.



HENRY T. LINTOTT
... from newsboy to super

S. C. Stamp Collectors Hold Meeting Here

The Southern California Pencil Society held its June meeting in the exhibit room of the public library Saturday, June 17, from 2 p. m. on—and it was nearly midnight when the last members departed for home. The Society has a membership of well over a hundred and at the meeting last Saturday members came from Santa Ana, Long Beach, San Pedro, Santa Monica, Van Nuys, Los Angeles, Hollywood and Oxnard. Col. George Wood of San Pedro is president, and Fred Thorne of Van Nuys is secretary.

The society is an organization of stamp collectors, who specialize in stamps that are cancelled with the name of the city and state before stamps are affixed to the mail. At a recent meeting of the club, held in San Pedro, a letter with remittance of dues, was read from Postmaster General James Farley, accepting the invitation for membership and action was taken accordingly.

Five new members were voted into membership at last Saturday's meeting and an invitation to hold the August meeting at Santa Barbara was accepted. Local members and collectors who attended were: Walter Bradford, Linton Cosby, Harold Andrews and Fred Hopkins.

Grunion Season Opens July 1

Those elusive silver slivers whose nocturnal frolics on Southern beaches attract hundreds of hunters will resume their skittering July 1, a week from next Saturday. They are grunion—the silversided "mystery" fish of the Pacific.

They are scheduled to run on a receding tide the following evening, July 2, for an hour beginning at 9:15 o'clock, according to Frances Clark, research expert on grunion attached to the laboratory of the bureau of marine fisheries at San Pedro.

Miss Clark reports that grunion are expected to run half an hour later each succeeding night up to and including July 5. The run will start again at 9:30 p. m. July 17, and continue thru July 20, according to her reckoning. Then they will appear from July 31 to August 3.

Hey! Kids! Here's How You Can Earn Your Fireworks!

For only one new subscription to The Herald boys and girls of this community can earn 520 pieces of brand-new fireworks to celebrate the grand and glorious Fourth of July—just 12 days off!

Full details about this unusual offer, together with a complete list of the fireworks obtainable right here in Torrance from our own American Legion Fireworks Booths is contained in a large advertisement in this issue.

Boys and girls may bring in as many new subscriptions as they wish and for each one The Herald's fireworks offer stands good. The fireworks have a retail value of \$2.25. This offer is good only on brand new subscriptions accompanied by the regular \$2 payment. An order blank is included in the announcement-advertisement of the Fourth of July offer in this edition.